

DESCRIPTION OF *AMPHIDROMUS INCONSTANS*, n.sp., FROM THE MALAY ARCHIPELAGO.

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AMPHIDROMUS INCONSTANS, n.sp.

Shell sinistral, oblong-conic, slightly umbilicated, polished; whorls $6\frac{1}{2}$, convex, with somewhat conspicuous, oblique lines of growth; earlier whorls whitish, lower yellow ornamented with two spiral bands of squarish brown spots, below which on the last whorl are two narrow, dark-brown bands, the upper just below the periphery, the lower about 2 mm. beneath the upper; columella white, erect, rounded; lip white, slightly expanded and depressed at the basal portion where it joins the columella; parietal callus quite thin and transparent. Long. 38, maj. diam. 19 mm.; aperture, long. 19 mm.

Hab.—Alor (= Ombai) Island, Malayan Archipelago (Everett).



The type and following varieties are in the British Museum (Natural History):—

- Var. A. Yellow, without any markings. Alor and Pantar Island.
- „ B. Yellow, with a single spiral band just beneath the periphery. Alor.
- „ C. Like B, but with two spiral bands. Alor.
- „ D. Yellow, lower whorls with oblique, waved stripes. Alor.

This species is near *A. Kalaoensis*,¹ but can be distinguished from it by its aperture being larger in proportion to the length of the shell, and by the absence of the pink colour on the parietal callus and at the umbilical area that appears in all the specimens collected of *A. Kalaoensis*. It is similar in coloration to *A. maculatus*,¹ but easily separated by its rounded columella, which in the latter is flatly expanded. It differs from both in having a marked depression at the base of the peristome.

¹ Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., ser. vi, vol. xviii (1896), p. 102.